CLASSIFICATION 25X1A2q TFOR Release 1997 09/09/05 LA-ROP82-0045 TROP24000 INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. 9 59 111 019 COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone) DATE DISTR. 18 February 1949 Smuggling over Zonal Foundary by SUBJECT NO. OF PAGES 1 the Buna-Werke, Schkopau 25X1A6a **PLACE** NO. OF ENCLS. ACQUIRED DATE OF IN SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. 25X1X6 in Schkopau employ about 18,000 workers. This figure is not true to fact; records show a strength of 13,800 employees as of the middle of December 1948. During the past months, the "Experimental" Department for automobile tires has increased production considerably. These tirez are their produced solely for the purpose of barter trade, and a large part of the production is smuggled into the American zone by truck. Such illegal traffic is deemed necessary in order to elightate the bottleneck created by the east-west blockade in the procurement of vital materials which are not produced in the Soviet zone, and which Buna as well as attached Soviet AGs need. The supply problem has become so serious that the Russian management at Buna installed a regular blockade-runner system. For this purpose about thirty specially trusted truck drivers employed at Buna were selected. They were told that certain materials had to be procured in the Western Zones, that they were to be issued all the necessary documents, and that the police on the "other side" of the border had been informed. Nevertheless, the drivers were warned that they ran the risk of arrest, which might lead occasionally to the detention in the American Zone of one or more of them for six to eight weeks. It was expected that such risk should be accepted with good grace. The drivers were assured that if such a misfortune befell them, their full wages would continue through the time of detention and their families would be cared for. Tida document is horeby r CONFIDENTIAL In a niral intelligence to the wist of the United Clates. Next Review Date: 2008 IN LISTING Auth: EXCISED BEFORE TUBLIC RULEASE OF THIS DOCUMENT. 15950 RT RED TOWN RD P82-00457 R002400070004-8 PRIOVED CLASSIFICATION

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